

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 82-89

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF AFDC FAMILIES

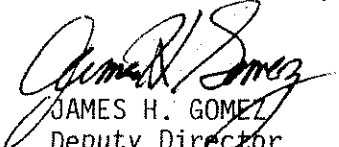
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The Legislature has recently expressed a great deal of concern that families whose benefits were either terminated or reduced as a result of the earned income disregard provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (OBRA) subsequently receive AFDC grants that are not offset with earned income. Therefore, we will be conducting a small scale longitudinal study of AFDC families that had earned income prior to implementation of the OBRA provisions to determine: 1) the extent of recidivism of cases that were discontinued, and 2) the number of recipients whose earnings decreased following a grant reduction.

Because of the nature of this study, procedures will differ somewhat from the usual method of conducting a survey. The data base for this study will be the AFDC-FG and U-cases previously sampled in the July and October 1981 AFDC Quarterly Recipient Characteristic Surveys that had earned income. We will be asking for applicable program and economic information for these cases for three more points in time: July 1982, October 1982 and April 1983.

A form covering July and October 1982, instructions, and a list of cases will be sent along with the October AFDC Recipient Characteristic Survey questionnaires about November 1, 1982.

We will be using the AFDC quarterly survey liaison as our contact person. If there has been a change in your liaison since the last quarterly, or if you wish to designate a different person, please contact Shirley Opie, Statistical Services Branch, (916) 323-2335 or (ATSS) 473-2335.

  
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